

13.7mm about 90mm from the ring. The taper may increase to a larger diameter, if desired. Preferably, the angle of the taper remains the same. The rod 14 then has a constant diameter portion 22 to its free end. A portion 22 of the constant diameter section is threaded. The constant diameter portion 22 is preferably about 60mm in length with the threaded portion 24 about 40mm in length. The lock nut 16 has an internal bore 26 threaded so as to receive the threaded portion 24 of the rod 14. The bore 26 may be threaded over only part of its length.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The mounting 18 comprises a central receiving block 30 and two side wings 32, which are pivotally mounted on the block 30 by pins 34. Each of the wings 32 is provided with a series of holes 36 through which bolts or screws may pass.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 12 and 13 with amended claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. **(Amended)** An anchor device for a safety rope, the anchor device including:

 a rod or tube;

 receiving means for receiving an end of a safety rope mounted on or integral with a first portion of the rod or tube; and

 securing means for securing the device directly or indirectly to a building element;

 wherein the rod or tube includes a tapered portion with the smaller end of the tapered portion nearest to the receiving means, said tapered portion deforming by progressively bending under sudden load applied to said receiving means.

4. **(Amended)** The device according to claim 3, wherein the securing means includes a second end portion located opposite the smaller end of the rod or tube.